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TYphoon Hits Okinawa Thirteen Americans Killed Or Missing Scores Of Ships Beached

A TERRIFIC STORM LASHED DESTRUCTIVELY AT OKINAWA LAST NIGHT TO WRECK INSTALLATIONS ON A LARGE SCALE AND LEAVE AT LEAST THREE NAVY MEN KILLED, 10 MISSING, AND FOUR JAPANESE PRISONERS DEAD.

INCOMPLETE PEARL HARBOUR FLEET HEADQUARTERS REPORTS SAID 52 SHIPS AND 70 MISCELLANEOUS SMALLER CRAFT WERE HURLED UP ON THE BEACHES. TWO TUGS, A PATROL YACHT, A BARGE AND A MINE SWEeper AND BUCKNER BAY INSTALLATIONS WERE DAMAGED EXTENSIVELY.

Four Japanese war prisoners were killed in the collapse of a frame building behind which they sought refuge.

The highest reported wind speed was at Yonaburu airfield where 132 miles an hour was recorded.

The storm struck directly over Buckner Bay but most American ships in the anchorage, warned of its approach, and sped to sea.

Hundreds of tents, camps, hospitals and quonset hut villages were ripped from their foundations.

Hospital wards were laid bare. Only night-long work by soldiers kept hospital patients' suffering to a minimum.—Associated Press.

HONSHU HIT

TOKYO, Oct. 12. At least 69 were killed and thousands were left homeless by a typhoon that hit central and southern Honshu Island yesterday, according to preliminary reports.

Eight thousand homes are known to have been flooded and thousands of acres of land were inundated and suffered heavy damage from washing.

Communications lines were disrupted, making an accurate checkup in the devastated areas difficult. Many railway bridges and couches were known to have been swept into the swirling waters.—Associated Press.

WEST CUT OFF

Pearl Harbour, Oct. 12. Incomplete reports at the United States Fleet Headquarters here said that three navy men were killed and ten were missing in the 132 miles per hour typhoon which struck Okinawa.

The reports refer to the area on the East coast, which had been unable to communicate with the Western side of the island.

United States Army reports from Manila gave 100 casualties but no deaths as the result of this typhoon, but said that installations had been so thoroughly levelled that the evacuation of some forces was urgent.—Reuter.

Home For Christmas?

LONDON, Oct. 12. THE MINISTER OF WAR, MR. JACK LAWSON, REPORTED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO INDIA, BURMA, HONG KONG, SINGAPORE AND CEYLON.

He said that great disappointment was caused among the men when, owing to the collapse of Japan, there was a sudden call on shipping to bring home prisoners-of-war and for the transport of the occupation troops, which made it impossible to give full effect to the reduction in the period of eligibility for repatriation after the defeat of Germany. Many, he said, had been waiting for weeks for ships to bring them home.

Everything possible would be done to remove this block and he hoped there would be a definite improvement soon. He paid tribute to the men's self-control and understanding and fine bearing which, he said, had increased his faith in the future of this country.—Reuter.

ADM. KOGA DIED IN FLIGHT

TOKYO, Oct. 12. Japanese sources disclosed today that Admiral Mineichi Koga, former Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Japanese Fleet, was fleeing from American air raids on Palau when his airplane crashed on Cebu in the central Philippines. He was captured by Filipino guerrillas but later died.

Associated Press.

LONDON SWEATS: SNOW IN SCOTLAND

LONDON, Oct. 12. Yesterday was the hottest Mid-October day in London for 50 years. The temperature rose to 72 degrees, 13 degrees higher than the previous day.

In the northern Isles of Scotland, however, snow fell during a severe storm which caused flooding in the lowlands.—Reuter.

British A.B.'s Gallantry In Typhoon

HOW A BRITISH SEAMAN WITH A ROPE LASHED TO HIS WAIST WENT INTO A TYPHOON SEA TO THE RESCUE OF AMERICAN SAILORS CLINGING TO AN OIL BARREL. RELATED TO THE "CHINA MAIL" YESTERDAY BY AN OFFICER OF THE BRITISH FLEET TANKER "WAVE KING."

THE STORY CAME UP IN CONNECTION WITH THE TYPHOON WHICH SWEEPED OKINAWA ON THURSDAY AND IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE SECOND OF EXTREME VIOLENCE TO GIVE THE OKINAWA BASE A SHAKING-UP WITHIN A PERIOD OF THREE WEEKS.

"Wave King" was brought into Hong Kong under tow by H.M.C.S. Ontario and is now tied up at Davia Pier, North Point.

Her typhoon adventure occurred on September 19 when she was one of the few ships left in Okinawa Bay, most of the British and American naval craft having put to sea.

At about three o'clock in the afternoon, when the typhoon was at its height, and waves 90 feet high were sweeping the docks, members of the ship's company saw three men on a tiny raft being swept by. Casting guns were fired but the lines were hurled back on board by the hurricane.

FREAK OF CHANCE

By some freak of chance, however, their raft was swept into towards the ship's side, and Leading Signalman P. A. Fisher went down a rope ladder and brought them safely on board.

Ten minutes later, three more sailors were observed clinging to an oil barrel.

One man had a broken arm, another had severe head injuries, and the third, it can be said, was giving all his time to making sure of the relative safety of his comrades.

Although the seas were terrific, a seaman in "Wave King," Donald Leask, who hails from Shetland Isles, volunteered to go to the rescue, and with a rope round his waist, jumped in, fought his way to the oil barrel, and took off the man with the broken arm. Subsequently, the other two were got safely aboard.

THIRTEEN DROWNED

They were survivors of an American minesweeper which had been swamped by the typhoon and had drifted across the reef. Thirteen men lost their lives.

Captain Humphrey, skipper of the "Wave King," set the injured man's arm, and next day when the gale had abated the survivors were put aboard an American battleship.

SIX POINTS

It is reported that there has been unanimity or an agreement in principle on the following points:

"Firstly, long term cooperation under the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek, in order to avoid civil war and build a free independent and prosperous China."

"Secondly, the ending of political tutelage, substituting the democratisation of politics."

"Thirdly, freedom of speech and person and assembly."

"Fourthly, equal legal status for all political parties and the prohibition of the party 'gestapo' and special service organisations."

"Fifthly, release of political prisoners and."

"Sixthly, punishment of traitors and ringleaders in accordance with the process of law."—Reuter.

The Remedy

LONDON, Oct. 12. Questions were asked in the House of Commons to-day about the refusal of certain West End restaurants to admit people not in evening dress.

The Ministerial reply deplored the mentality, but suggested that customers had the remedy in their own hands.—Reuter.

FRANCO DEFiant

MADRID, Oct. 12. ROBERT PAPWORTH, REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT IN MADRID, TO-DAY REPORTED THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, IN A NOTE ISSUED AT THE END OF A SERIES OF CABINET MEETINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST SIX DAYS, CATEGORICALLY DECLARED THAT IT INTENDS TO PERSIST IN THE "IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL LINE" INITIATED AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE CIVIL WAR.

It alleged the existence of a vast international communist conspiracy directed against "the very existence of the nation."

At the same time, the Government announced a number of bills, establishing the right of association and assembly, and a system of referendums for direct consultation of the people on questions of outstanding importance.

This is understood here to mean a kind of universal obligatory plebiscite, but no indication was given of how such a referendum would be conducted.

The Government also announced an amnesty for all prisoners sentenced to terms of over twenty years for purely political crimes committed before the end of the civil war.—Reuter.

Big Tie-Up Of Shipping

LONDON, Oct. 12. THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA ARE ALSO FACING STRIKES THAT ARE HOLDING UP VITAL SUPPLIES AND SHIPPING.

About four hundred ships are idle in New York harbour to-day and thousands of tons of cargo are piling up on the docks through the strike of port workers.

A message from Sydney says that Adelaide is facing the worst coal famine in the history of the city. Already thirty thousand men are idle because of the restriction on non-essential industries.

In Sydney, practically the city's whole industry will come to a standstill on Monday, when the order prohibiting the use of electricity in factories and offices becomes operative. This is because the miners refuse to supply coal for the power houses where the maintenance workers are on strike.

There are strikes in the steel works and in the printing trade.—Reuter.

SEVEN MILLION NAZI WAR LOSSES

LONDON, Oct. 12. The British Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the estimated total losses of the German armed forces in killed, permanently wounded and permanent medical casualties between September 1st, 1939 and May 10th, 1945 were 7,000,000.—Reuter.

ANSWER TO ATOMIC BOMB

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. THE HOUSE NAVY COMMITTEE REPORTED TO-DAY THAT "INDICATIONS ARE THAT AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER-MEASURE TO THE ATOMIC BOMB ALREADY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED."

The statement was based upon the testimony of high officers.

It was not explained beyond the statement that atomic bombs might be exploded "far short of their objective without the necessity of locating their position."

Associated Press.

Volunteers who are proceeding to Macau on leave are to parade at Headquarters at 8 a.m. to-day.

NIGHTMARE JAVA JOURNEY

Men Murdered On Train

BATAVIA, Oct. 12. NUMEROUS INCIDENTS BETWEEN INDONESIANS AND THE DUTCH MARRED THE PEACE OF YESTERDAY AT BATAVIA AND BANDOENG, AMONG OTHER PLACES IN JAVA.

FIGHTING HAS ALSO GOING ON, IT IS REPORTED HERE, BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND INDONESIANS IN BANDOENG. IN BATAVIA, IT IS STATED, THAT A NUMBER OF EURASIANS AND DUTCHMEN HAVE UNACCOUNTABLY DISAPPEARED DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS.

A number of Indonesian police personnel have also been wounded while helping the allied authorities to maintain law and order.

The Allied Ministry Authorities have taken into custody eight Japanese officials accused of committing "atrocities against prisoners-of-war" and internees in Batavia. Among this number is the self-confessed war criminal the Kempeitai (Japanese Gestapo), chief of Buitenzorg.

Dutch sources report the presence in Sourabaya of several Japanese marines who possess false German passports and are living "underground."—Reuter.

BATAVIA CLASHES

BATAVIA, Oct. 12. Anota, the Dutch news agency, reported that four Indonesians were killed and six wounded in clashes with British forces here.

Quoting the Indonesian news agency, "MOROSETIA," Anota said also 18 were killed and 40 wounded in a battle with Japanese forces in Bandoeng, in south-central Java.

A clash yesterday between Indonesian armed police and a detachment of British troops resulted in one Indonesian killed and three wounded.

The clash occurred when the Indonesian police tried to recapture a number of houses from which they had been ejected after it is alleged having taken unlawful possession.

BATAVIA SHOOTING

Three civilian passengers were killed and three more injured on Wednesday when shots were fired at an Indonesian car along a cordoned road in the heart of Batavia in front of the building which the Dutch forces were occupying according to British measures received to-day.

The car was said to have ignored the signals to stop.

MANY DISAPPEARANCES

LONDON, Oct. 12. MOBS CONTROL SECTIONS OF THE BANDOENG RAILWAY." CABLES "THE TIMES" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT FROM BATAVIA.

HE STATES THAT TWO DUTCHMEN, THREE INDONESIAN POLICE AND ONE CHINESE WERE MURDERED ON THE TRAIN WHICH LEFT BANDOENG ON OCTOBER 4TH. OTHER CHINESE PASSENGERS ON THE TRAIN WERE COVERED BY MACHINE-GUNS AND WERE FORCED TO SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE "INDONESIAN REPUBLIC."

An Australian photographer arriving at Batavia on October 9th from Sourabaya via Bandoeng reported a nightmare journey although in possession of a pass signed by Dr. Soekarno's "Home Minister."

At each station a gang of young men armed with spears and knives searched the train, making the passengers without passes descend.

Meanwhile, British and Dutch officials of the organisation for the recovery of prisoners of war to-day visited Dr. Soekarno (Head of the Indonesian Republic) to protest on purely humanitarian grounds against the obstruction and difficulties with which the organisation is meeting from Nationalists throughout Java.

PROPOSED AID

"Dr. Soekarno has promised to give all assistance," says "The Times" correspondent. "Whether in fact he possesses the necessary control over the extremist groups should be

come apparent during the next few days," adds the correspondent.

Meanwhile, Dr. H. J. Van Mock, Lieutenant-Governor General of The Netherlands East Indies, conferred with Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Commander in South-East Asia, last night, and a settlement is to be issued later.

Signs of a general uprising throughout Java where Indonesian Nationalists, led by Doctor Soekarno, are in complete control except for Batavia were authoritatively reported to-night.

The allies are already preparing for a possible revolt against Dutch rule.

More clashes have been reported between the Indonesians and the Japanese and the Dutch. Thirty Indonesians were killed and thirty-two more wounded in an incident with the Japanese at Pekalongan, Central Java, the Nationalists controlled Bandoeng. Radio reported to-day. The Japanese suffered seventeen casualties.—Reuter.

Japanese Radar

TOKYO, Oct. 12. AIR FORCE EXPERTS HAVE DETERMINED THAT JAPANESE RADAR EQUIPMENT WAS FAR BELOW THE ALLIED STANDARDS.

They learned that radar defence of the home islands was so ineffective that they couldn't tell whether approaching planes were their own or American, or even how many. The Allied experts gleaned this information from the fighter control centre here.

They had no effective way of plotting positions of their own planes, no homing beacons, and no air-sea rescue system.

After the fall of Iwo Jima, the main Japanese defence came from coast watchers and ground observers in the Tokyo area.—Associated Press.

DEPUTY ARRESTED

BERLIN, Oct. 12. A Lebanese Deputy named Kazzoun, has been arrested by the British Military police. Kazzoun was driving to his village late on Tuesday night after a meeting at the Chamber when a large party of British Military Police stopped the car and seized seventeen allies. The Lebanese party were called in immediately and a search of the Deputy's car produced twenty more rifles.

Kazzoun resisted the first search and was slightly wounded. He has been taken to the prison hospital.

FOR THIS RELIEF MUCH THANKS

LONDON, Oct. 12. The civil population of Alderney Island is to be allowed to return by the end of the year. Few of the houses are habitable, but they will be put up in requisitioned hotels.—Reuter.

LATEST NOTICES

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 17.
H.M.S. "ARBITER"
(FOR AUSTRALIA ONLY).

The undermentioned are the passengers for the above vessel:

Gnr. S. O. Borg, Mrs. T. Borg, Mr. L. G. J. Batten, Miss N. Dillon, Mrs. E. Chung, Mrs. K. I. Ching and family, Mr. W. G. Fitz Gibbon, Mr. S. G. Hayes, Mr. J. A. Kinnard, Miss F. Loong, Miss L. Leo, Mrs. L. Lian, Miss P. Lian, Miss M. Matheson, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. B. May, Mrs. H. V. Pearce, Mrs. S. A. Pike, Mr. & Mrs. M. Stanroy, Mrs. U. Sing, Miss A. R. Sing, Mrs. E. Starchenko, Mr. V. L. Voriga, Mrs. V. Voriga, Mrs. M. T. Williams, Miss V. Williams, Mr. J. J. Wilcox, Mr. & Mrs. H. Yuen and child.

Hongkong passengers assemble at Queen's Pier at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 14th October, and Kowloon passengers assemble at Ilott's Wharf at 11 a.m.

Passengers must not embark without first obtaining their embarkation card.

PASSENGERS WHO WERE LISTED FOR CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND U.S.A. ARE TO STAND BY FOR THE NEXT SHIP.

REPATRIATION OFFICE

12th October, 1945.

HONGKONG MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

In Re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945.

SALE BY TENDER (S 58)

The Acting Custodian of Property is prepared to receive bids in writing for the purchase of a quantity of:

Paint Brushes (various sizes) - said to be 44,194 pcs.

Hair Brushes - said to be 2,396 pcs.

Clothes Brushes - said to be 6,000 pcs.

Shoe Brushes - said to be 7,192 pcs.

Men's & Ladies' Umbrellas - said to be 3,227 pcs.

Luggage Baskets - said to be 1,107 pcs.

now lying at Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.'s Building, 20, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Inspection may be made on application to Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co. Ltd., 1st Floor, between 9 and 10 a.m. each day except Sunday.

Bids, in sealed covers, should be left at the Acting Custodian's Office, Second floor, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road, Victoria, on or before noon 20th October, 1945.

A deposit of Dollars One Hundred must be made on deposit of each tender, which will be returned if tender is not accepted.

The Acting Custodian does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

R. A. WICKERSON,
CONTROLLER OF
GODOWNS,
Acting Custodian of Property.

Victoria, 13th October, 1945.

NOTICE

Will Mrs. Edith Lovis BUTLIN kindly communicate with INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS EXCHANGE BUILDING (2nd FLOOR)

NOTICE

All persons who can furnish any information as to the present whereabouts of any property vested in the CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY on the 25th day of December 1941, or of the records or any paper documents, etc., belonging or pertaining to the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, Supreme Court, are required to communicate with the undersigned.

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THE CHARTER

Mr. Attlee is rapidly earning for himself a high reputation for plain speaking and lucidity. The Churchillian flair for words may not be there, but these are times, perhaps, when clear reasoning and the matter-of-fact approach without the overtones of oratory, are likely to contribute more usefully towards the forging of the instruments of peace. His speech at the meeting in London of the United Nations Association was typical. He made no attempt to present the Charter of the United Nations as the perfect answer to the world's ills. It is, however, the best that can be obtained at the moment, and, as Mr. Attlee said, "there is only one way of improving it and that is to use it to the full. That is how we shall learn to make it work, remove its imperfections and develop its great possibilities. The dread weapons of modern war, plus the complete redistribution of world power (which now virtually repose in the Big Three, the British Empire, the United States and the Soviet Union) have given to the new United Nations organisation a universality to which the League of Nations aspired but never attained. As has been pointed out, the supreme test of its efficacy is as likely to come in Asia as in Europe, in the Pacific as in the Atlantic. Equally, the same dominating political fact deprives the smaller nations of the veto right that the unanimity rule of the League Covenant conferred on them. The irrefutable lesson of recent history proves that, save for altogether exceptional circumstances, they are inextricably involved in the fortunes of their larger neighbours and must, within the limit of their resources, play a co-operative part in the business of security. With these qualifications, the new Charter resembles less the League Covenant than it does the old Concert of Europe. The legalistic aspect is conspicuously absent. The new Charter is frankly political and, therefore, more realistic. The weight of responsibility rests primarily on the Security Council, in which the authority of the principal nations will dominate, since they alone have the power of enforcement. The task of the Security Council is no longer to sit in judgment, but to take action before any threat to peace can seriously develop. Hence, Mr. Attlee's insistence that the Charter is Britain's first line of defence and that the success of the United Nations' Organisation must become the primary object of British foreign policy. It need, however, to be emphasised further that success finally depends in a large measure on the possibility of establishing over the world a new order of justice, prosperity and well-being. Security is not to be envisaged in military terms alone.

LEE-MAXWELL WEDDING

The wedding took place at St. Teresa's Church yesterday of Sergt. Albert Terrance Lee, H.K.V.D.C., and Miss. Constance Zena Maxwell, daughter of Mrs. K. C. Maxwell.

Sergt. Lee ("Tinker") was in the Revenue Department when the war broke out and prior to that was on the staff of the "Hong Kong Telegraph". A more than useful fast-to-medium bowler, he was one of the leading cricketers at the University here some years ago and after that turned out for Chingpung Cricket Club.

The duties of best man were undertaken by Capt. D. Hunt and matron of honour was Mrs. Nick Jaffer, Ftc. N. Jaffer, H.K.V.D.C.

They brought a bag of rice, 150 catties, and took what they wanted. These included George's particular prizes, fifty good angler fish and ten good archers. These were specially bought for Japanese aquaria. To-day, George says, he would find buyers to pay more than \$50 a pair.

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DOCK STRIKE STILL SPREADS

LONDON, OCT. 12. DEFYING THE CALL "TO WORK" BY THE LABOUR MINISTER, MR. GEORGE ISAACS, AND THE APPEALS FROM THE TRA DE UNION, MORE THAN THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND DOCKERS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND WHO ARE STILL ON STRIKE WERE JOINED TO-DAY BY A FURTHER FIFTEEN HUNDRED STRIKERS FROM FIVE LONDON WHARVES. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL OF MEN OUT IN THE LONDON AREA TO ABOUT SIX THOUSAND AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT OTHER DOCKERS ON THE UNAFFECTED WHARVES WILL COME OUT LATER.

More London ships' clerks are key men because they are responsible for the checking of cargoes in and out and their stopping of work means an immediate standstill in the docks—struck to-day and the delegates are appealing to all 650 clerks to stop work.

Fifty thousand tons of food are now estimated to be held up in the holds and quays by the London stoppage.

DOCKERS' DEMANDS

So far, there is no hint of a settlement of the nation-wide strike, the basic cause of which is the dockers' demand for an eight-shilling day wage increase to twenty-five shillings and a forty-hour week, but a delegation of dockers from the West India Docks in London saw the National Secretary of the Dockers' Section of Transport and General Workers' Union, J. Donovan, who assured them that the date for resumed wage negotiations would be October 18. The S.A.D. Dockers' National Delegate Conference has been called for October 23 to hear the report on the negotiations.

Strikers at the London Docks—King George V, Albert and Victoria—today resolved to ask the Minister of Labour to intervene although Mr. Isaacs said that government would take no action until the men return to work. The strike is holding up not only the unloading of vital foodstuff but also the export of goods abroad.

TROOPS UNLOADING
Trainloads of troops to-day moved to the ports to discharge vital cargoes of oranges, butter, bacon, lard, cheese and eggs.

Names That Will Live

Speed of production and commission of United States Navy ships is illustrated by the fact that the destroyer escort vessels in this area have been named after American heroes of the Pacific war.

For example, U.S.S. Marion W. Dufilho (D.E. 428), with Lieut.-Commander Albert H. Nienau in command, and now lying in Hong Kong harbour, was named after Squadron-Leader Marion W. Dufilho, who was shot down in the Solomons campaign of 1943 after having been a shining example to all personnel of the United States Air Force.

U.S.S. Marion W. Dufilho was christened by the widow of the air ace and was commissioned on July 21, 1944.

Other vessels of Escort Division 77 are U.S.S. Formoe (D.E. 509), named after Frank Formoe, a machinist made 1st class, who met his death at Pearl Harbour, and U.S.S. Monroe (D.E. 422), Harris (447) and Haas (D.E. 424). The Division Commander is Capt. Harrison G. White, U.S.N.R.

NEWSPRINT HOPE DEFERRED

Moscow, Oct. 12. Foreign commercial sources said to-day Russia would have no surplus of newsprint for export to India or elsewhere for some time. Russian timber is needed badly for housing and general construction in war-devastated areas. Russian newspapers still are being published in reduced wartime size.—Associated Press.

COTTON PRICES

New York, Oct. 12. Cotton futures drifted lower on light hedging and local selling which encountered only trade support on Thursday. Traders were hesitant pending further developments on a congressional bill designed to boost farm prices and clarification of the tortilla wage and ceiling situation. The New York stock market was generally lower and moderately active.—Associated Press.

Bucharest, Oct. 12. The third transport of Soviet wheat and maize for Romania has reached the port of Braila. The cargo was shipped in accordance with the recent Soviet-Romanian Trade Agreement.

One thousand railway truck-loads of Soviet wheat arrived at Jassy for distribution in Moldavia.—Reuter.

Letters for the following await collection at: Volunteer, H.Q.—Capt. C. Blaik, J. R. A. Romond, J. F. Barron, L/Cpl. N. C. Barretto, Gnr. L. J. Benich, R. J. Haynes, clc. V. Novak, G. E. L. Johnson, Gnr. V. S. Chittim, M. J. Harkins, Dr. H. H. R. P. Dunlop, and Engs. Chuan Z.

Twenty Dead: Two Blind

SINGAPORE, OCT. 12. POISON LIQUOR HAS NOW CAUSED THE DEATH HERE OF TWENTY SERVICEMEN, LEFT NINE DANGEROUSLY ILL AND BLINDED TWO.

Since midnight last night no further cases have been reported and the Medical Authorities hope that prompt action has had immediate effect.

To-day every military post and street corner carries large posters: "Death Poison found in Slang Liquor. More men died to-day."

The sale of liquor to servicemen has been declared illegal and imprisonment has been made the penalty for infringement.—Reuter.

ENOUGH TO POISON ARMY
Singapore, Oct. 12.

An army officer dramatically interrupted a cinema show here last night to announce to the house, full of troops, that more deaths from wood alcohol poisoning were expected during the night.

"To-day we raided 150 places and captured enough liquor to poison the 14th Army," he said.—Reuter.

The British authorities have closed distilleries and confiscated 6,000 gallons of liquor.

Authorities said that some types of liquor and brandy were found to contain lead. Later investigations disclosed the presence of poisonous methyl alcohol or wood spirits. Some samples analyzed contain 80 per cent of methyl alcohol.

Meanwhile, the military authorities have utilized both press and radio to warn servicemen of the danger while police made numerous raids in an attempt to get to the source.—Associated Press.

Australian Project

MELBOURNE, OCT. 12. FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS COSTING SEVEN MILLION POUNDS FOR EXPANSION OF THE AUSTRALIAN STEEL INDUSTRY ARE NOW UNDERWAY.

The "Melbourne Herald" said the projects would swell the steel supply for great reconstruction works planned in the nation. The projects include construction of an extraction plant, a deep seaport at Yampi Sound in New South Wales and steel furnaces at Port Kembla, the projected development and mechanization of the collieries in New South Wales to increase supplies to the steel works, and driving of a tunnel two and a half miles long into the side of a coal-bearing mountain at Bulli.

Australian-made machinery will be used and returned servicemen will constitute a big part of the labour force.—Associated Press.

Brussels, Oct. 12. General de Gaulle, head of the French Government, left here for Paris to-day in the Belgian Royal train.—Reuter.

Huge Scale Of UNRRA's Spending

WASHINGTON, OCT. 12. PRESIDENT TRUMAN TOLD CONGRESS THURSDAY THAT ONLY \$20,000,000 OF THE UNITED STATES' \$800,000,000 APPROPRIATION FOR UNITED NATIONS RELIEF REMAINED UNCOMMITTED ON AUGUST 31.

HE TRANSMITTED THE FOURTH REPORT ON AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN UNRRA (UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION) AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BEGAN CLOSED HEARINGS ON HIS REQUEST FOR ANOTHER \$600,000,000 TO MEET "ACUTE NEED AND PRIVATION" IN EUROPE THIS WINTER.

"Life abroad in the coming winter," the president said, in his statement, "will depend upon the outside assistance which this country and other countries can provide for the liberated peoples."

Asserting that UNRRA "has made a substantial beginning in the immediate task" despite world deficits of critical supplies and shipping, President Truman added:

"The more this task can be speeded up through early delivery of needed supplies, the sooner it will be possible for UNRRA to withdraw, leaving the liberated peoples on a high footing to carry on their own life."

HUGE SUMS
The president's report showed that on September 15, all 44 nations participating had pledged U.S. \$1,882,769,991 to UNRRA. Of this, U.S. \$1,208,750,154 had been paid in or is "available on request" toward operating expenses, while U.S. \$16,416,984 have been contributed for administrative purposes.

Great Britain's total pledge of U.S. \$322,400,000 is paid.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (Garden Road)—Sunday, October 14: Trinity XX: Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Matins & Sermon 11 a.m.; Preacher: The Right Reverend R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong; Evening & Sermon 6.30 p.m.; Preacher: The Rev. W. T. Boyd, Staff Chaplain, R. A. F.

ST. ANDREW'S, KOWLOON—Sunday, October 14—Parade Service: Rev. J. Armstrong, K.N., 10 a.m.; Choral Service followed by Holy Communion. Preacher: Rev. J. Armstrong, R.N., 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon Preacher: Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, 6.30 p.m.

TO H. Services Club open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST Hong Kong (A branch of THE MOTHER CHURCH, THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Boston, Mass.)

Sunday, October 14: Service: 11 a.m. St. George's Bldg., (1st floor), Chater Road. The subject of the Lesson-Sermon is all Christian Science churches on Sunday, October 14th, is "Are Sin Disease and Death Real?" The Golden Text is: "Look upon Zion, the City of our solemnities:... The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity." (Isaiah 33: 20, 24). Christian Science literature can be obtained on loan after the service. All are welcome.

THURSDAY MEETING

A Fellowship Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Thursday, October 16th, at 6.30 p.m.

All those interested are welcome.

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Anyone who has been subjected to torture at the hands of the Japanese, Koreans, or Formosans or who is an eye-witness of any such atrocities and can identify the torturer is requested to call at the office of:

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This notice does not apply to those who have already submitted statements.

NOTICE

SPORTS CLUB

A meeting of members of the Sports Club will be held at the Club premises at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th October, 1946.

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French Land Airborne Troops In Cambodia

AMERICANS EVACUATING PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. THE EVACUATION OF ALL AMERICAN TROOPS FROM PALESTINE WILL START TOMORROW MORNING ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT RECEIVED HERE TO-DAY FROM THE AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO.

Palestine, therefore, becomes out of bounds to all United States soldiers on leave while the complete evacuation of the remaining forces will be carried out until Monday.

Indications that security measures are being tightened up came to-day with the mounting of new identity checking points along the highways between Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Coastal Road.

A meeting of the military and police commanders is reported to have taken place in Jerusalem early to-day to consider steps to be taken if the situation worsens.—Reuter.

MacArthur's Programme

TOKYO, Oct. 12. The Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Army announced that General MacArthur expects to have only four divisions of sixty thousand men in Japan Proper by March 1946.

General MacArthur had previously stated that two hundred thousand men would be required within six months to start the occupation caused astonishment in official quarters in the United States and Britain.

General George Marshall, the United States Army Chief of Staff, told Congress on September 20th that 450,000 men would be needed for the occupation of Japan and Korea, but official confirmation was received of MacArthur's estimate.—Reuter.

TANGIER RESTORED

PARIS, Oct. 12. THE ALLIED POWERS TAKING PART IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF TANGIER TO-DAY OFFICIALLY ENDED THE VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS COMMITTEE BY GENERAL FRANCO.

The Spanish Government has completed the withdrawal of its troops.

The French cruisers "Duguay" and "Touin" arrived at Tangier to-day with a representative of the Sultan of Morocco and a corps of Moroccan troops led by French officers on board.

The Moroccans will constitute the police of the International Zone.

These developments are the direct outcome of the four-power Conference held in Paris at the beginning of August at which France, Britain, the United States and Russia agreed on the procedure to be adopted to re-establish the pro-war position at Tangier.—Reuter.

PERON FLIGHT REPORTED

Buenos Aires, Oct. 12. Colonel Juan Domingo Peron, late Vice-President of Argentina, is reported to have escaped by plane to Southern Argentine though this, so far, has not yet been confirmed.

It was officially announced here that the Argentine elections have been fixed for April 7th, 1946.

In an official communiqué, guarantees were given that the elections would be free and unfettered.

Montevideo, Oct. 12.

President Farrell, of Argentina, according to reports received here, intends to reject the ultimatum which was sent to him and proposes the formation of a new cabinet of national reconciliation.

The Foreign Minister, Doctor Juan Cooke and two other Ministers have resigned, the reports say.—Reuter.

A Secretary General !!

LONDON, Oct. 12. GENERAL DWIGHT EISENHOWER MAY BE THE FIRST SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SUGGESTS THE "NEWS CHRONICLE" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT TO-DAY.

General Eisenhower's name, he says, will in all probability appear prominently in the list of candidates for the post, which will be submitted to the Security Council of the United Nations after the Council has been elected by the first meeting of the General Assembly in London early in December.—Reuter.

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SAIGON, Oct. 11 (DELAYED). THE FIRST MOVEMENT OF AIRBORNE FRENCH FORCES INLAND IN INDO-CHINA BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY IN JAPANESE PLANES WHICH WERE TAKEN OVER BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

THE DEPLOYMENT IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN MADE SUPPOSED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CAMBODIAN PROTECTORATE GOVERNMENT AGAINST ANNAMITES REPORTED TO BE MASSING AROUND THE FORMER NIPPON SE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

The movements were scheduled to continue another day and were carried out to reinforce a British signals detachment and a Gurkha platoon, which were flown on October 9 to the airbase which is about 100 miles to the west of Saigon. An original landing was made there by two Dutch officers after the Japanese surrendered.

Erroneous Assumption

London, Oct. 12. Replying to "The Times" leading article yesterday on Iran, in which the suggestion was made that Iranians desire to play off one occupying power (Great Britain) against another (Soviet Russia), the Iranian Press Attaché in London writes to-day:

"Since the Napoleonic days, when Anglo-Russian interests in Iran frequently clashed, the British have been obsessed with the idea that Iranians play them off against the Russians, and vice versa."

"This suspicion is based on slender proofs. It is founded mainly on the erroneous assumption that Iranians consider Anglo-Russian animosity, as the prerequisite of Iranian security."

"The majority of Iranians, however, do not think along these lines. Iran has been for far too long one of the scenes of Anglo-Russian rivalry in the East. It is common knowledge that she suffered considerably in the last 120 years from foreign competition for political influence. Surely, Iranians would wish to see an end to this rivalry. If this illusory rivalry between Iran's two great neighbours were to be aggravated, Iran would not escape unscathed."—Reuter.

Those Awful Men Again

London, Oct. 12. In the House of Commons to-day, Captain Marples, Conservative, asked whether the statement of British Government obligations towards the French and the Dutch Governments "regarding the Indo-Chinese and Indonesian puppet governments recently made by the Secretary of State for War," was preceded by consultations with the French and the Dutch and represented the policy of the British Government.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, replied: "If Captain Marples had in mind the recent press reports regarding the statement alleged to have been made by the Secretary of War, I can assure him that the Minister made no such statement as was attributed to him."—Reuter.

TWICE IN A DAY

London, Oct. 12. Asked in the House of Commons how he could reconcile his statement in the House that measures already taken by British Commanders in the Far East showed there was no need for any special instructions to them to impress upon the Japanese the fact of their defeat, with the constant press reports that the Allied Commanders required Japanese troops to administer certain liberated territories which they did with arrogance, Mr. Attlee, the Prime Minister, replied:

"I cannot reconcile my reply with the press reports. Rather it should be the other way around."—Reuter.

CHINA MONEY MARKET

CHUNGKING, Oct. 12. The American Dollar was officially quoted at 1,280 Chinese National Dollars, the lowest rate for the day being 1,160 Chinese National Dollars per American Dollar.

Gold Bars opened at 88,400 Chinese National Dollars at the unofficial market, closing at 88,300, the highest price for the day being 88,600 Chinese National Dollars.—Reuter.

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